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INFORMATION NOTICE

Upon further review, the BLM Wyoming Acting State Director determined that it was appropriate to defer certain additional parcels from the set of the parcels analyzed in the Environmental Assessment for the February 2016 oil and gas lease sale. These deferrals were all made consistent with the BLM's sage grouse conservation plans and strategy, which direct the BLM to prioritize oil and gas leasing and development in a manner that minimizes resource conflicts in order to protect important habitat and reduce development time and costs. Based on the foregoing, the Wyoming Acting State Director has exercised her discretion to defer the following parcels from the February 2, 2016, *Notice of Competitive Oil & Gas Lease Sale:*

> WY-1602-051, WY-1602-052, WY-1602-058, WY-1602-059, WY-1602-060
> WY-1602-061, WY-1602-062, WY-1602-063, WY-1602-064, WY-1602-067
> WY-1602-068, WY-1602-069, WY-1602-070, WY-1602-071, WY-1602-072
> WY-1602-073, WY-1602-074, WY-1602-075, WY-1602-076, WY-1602-077
> WY-1602-078, WY-1602-079, WY-1602-080, WY-1602-087, WY-1602-093
> WY-1602-099, WY-1602-100, WY-1602-101, WY-1602-109, WY-1602-110
> WY-1602-111, WY-1602-112, WY-1602-113, WY-1602-114, WY-1602-115

The February 2, 2016, *Notice of Competitive Oil & Gas Lease Sale* (Sale Notice) is being posted, concurrent with this Information Notice, on December 17, 2015. This posting initiates a 30-day public protest period. Protests must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included within the Sale Notice; however, due to the delay in posting this Sale Notice, the end of the protest period will be 4:00 p.m. local time on January 19, 2016.

Please address any questions you may have regarding the information in this

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